THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 22nd November 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Reorganization of States

* 2698 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed any Special Officer to work out the preliminary details for the separation of Malabar and South Kanara from the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: May I know whether, now that partition is more or less certain, any representative from among the Malabar M.L.As. would be appointed to any *ad hoc* committee to go into departmental data before partition is effected?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have not gone into the question of appointing Committees or Special Officers for this purpose. As soon as decisions are taken with regard to partition, then the necessary administrative machinery will be set up.

* 2699 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have made any suggestions to the States Reorganization Commission regarding the formation of "Dakshina Samasthanam"; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the suggestions made will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have submitted any memorandum in connexion with the formation of the linguistic States especially the formation of Aikya Kerala, Aikya Karnataka and Aikya Tamilagam States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We submitted a memorandum to the State Reorganization Commission when they requested the various State Governments to send their recommendations and that is the only representation we have made.

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN: When the Government submitted a memorandum to the States Reorganization Commission, may I know from the Hon. Minister why they did not place the proposals of the Government before this Assembly? Is it right on the part of the Government to submit a memorandum like that without informing this House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Government have certain responsibility and they presume that this House has got confidence in the Government making certain representations. It is only in pursuance of that that they have made recommendations. If the people have no confidence in the Government it is open to them to take such steps as they like.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Certain representations must have been made by the Malayala Pradesh Congress Committee or by responsible committees inside the Congress from Malabar. Have the Government, on such representations, expressed any opinion about the feasibility or otherwise, willingness or otherwise for the formation of Dakshina Samasthanam or Dakshina Pradesh?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, that matter did not come up for consideration before the Government at all, because they perhaps sent their recommendations direct to the States Reorganization Commission.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: The speech of the Hon. Leader of the House which has been placed in our hands contains all the proposals that the Government are taking up with the Central Government. I wish to know whether the proposals made by this Government to the States Reorganization Commission are in consonance with the proposals contained in the speech delivered yesterday by the Hon. Leader of the House? Or they are something different?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am not able to follow the trend of the question.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: The speech of the Hon. Leader of the House delivered yesterday is placed in our hands and it contains the proposals which the Government are going to make to the Centre. Previously the Government also have submitted proposals to the States Reorganization Commission. Are these two proposals similar or are there any differences between the original proposals and the proposals now made?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I cannot say whether it is word for word the same. Anyhow there has been no departure in any fundamental aspect.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Now that we are discussing the States Reorganization Commission's Report, and that the Government have made their stand clear, will the Government be pleased to supply us with the original report at least before the discussion on this concludes?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It was a representation made to the Commission and without their concurrence I think we cannot supply copies of the memorandum to the hon. Members.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Am I correct in concluding that this Government of Madras is against the formation of Dakshina Samasthanam as it is called?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no question of its being against or for. That question does not arise at all.

Shoranur Metal Industries, Ltd.

* 2700 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to re-open the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, South Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, under what conditions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government will sanction a further loan of one lakh of rupees on the assets of the company on condition that the company resumes work under a new Board of Management; and the shareholders of the company are taking active steps for early resumption of work.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether in pursuance of that, the company has actually started work or whether it is still in the process of being started?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am sorry, Sir, I do not have with me any up-to-date information about it.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will direct the new management of the company when it is re-started to take back the old workers into the service of the company according to the service they have put in if they wished to re-join it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a separate question and that will be looked into.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Now that the Government finances are going into the industry, would the Government insist among the conditions to be imposed that the Labour Union which is vitally interested in the running of that industry should also be given a share in its management?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think the Government are considering any such proposal.